

ALL the statisticians of the administration are figuring on the votes that Taft will get in the convention, and the other fellows are figuring on the votes he won't get. Why not make it unanimous by nominating Mr. Roosevelt for a third term?

DIAMONDS uncut pay no tariff tax, probably because, according to Republican theory, those precious stones are a necessity for the wealthy few. It will hardly help the many to know that diamonds are to be cheaper in consequence of the pants.

THE latest anti-saloon fad comes from Lincoln, Neb., where beginning May 1 saloons will be open in daylight from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. This will compel the man who wants "to keep his birthday" to begin early in the morning.

ANDREW CARNEGIE declares the Aldrich currency bill is a mere makeshift and approves the Fowlerbill. Emergency currency, which the Republicans were so anxious for when their panic scared them out of their boots, has evidently gone glimmering.

THE red-headed rooster of Wichita who represents the Seventh district of Kansas in congress has raised his clarion voice against the despotism of the committee on rules. After Uncle Joe has cut his comb and trimmed his spurs a bit, he will crow less pugnaciously.

PITY the poor newspaper man, for another print paper trust is forming with a proposed capital of \$50,000,000. The report of the organization says "little cash will be required," but we doubt that, for experience teaches us that all the corporations want all the cash they can squeeze out of the American people.

AND now comes to us the optimistic and inquiring Wu Ting Fang, who blandly informs us that all the talk of war in the Orient is baseless and that "so far as his knowledge goes Japan has not violated the Portsmouth treaty with reference to the open door policy in Manchuria."

As a step toward uniting all of the factions of the Democratic party in Missouri, the COURIER heartily endorses the suggestion that is being made by several of our Democratic exchanges that ex-Governors D. R. Francis, Wm. J. Stone, A. M. Dockery and J. W. Folk be elected as delegates at-large to the national Democratic convention at Chicago. We are not impressed with the idea, however, of calling them the "Big Four" as they are no bigger and no better than many other good Missouri Democrats.

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### IMPARTING VIGOR

to the kidneys, bladder and LIVER. They are adapted to old and young.

THE Independence league will not support Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan or Gov. Johnson, says the New York American, but will nominate a candidate for president. This shows that Mr. Hearst has entirely out loose from his former affiliations with the Democrats or Republicans.

HON. WILLIAM L. DOUGLAS of Massachusetts in a late speech declared that "the blighting tariff tax on raw materials has so checked the industrial growth of New England that great numbers of men are forced out of employment and compelled to emigrate." Gov. Douglas is an authority on economic conditions and the Republican stand-patters have found no voice to reply to his speeches tariff reform.

### DOUGLAS AND ROOSEVELT.

Three years ago and more, Oct. 7, 1904, the Democrats of Massachusetts, at the convention which nominated William L. Douglas for governor, declared that Roosevelt's course was full of peril, and that his career was a disappointment. That declaration was ratified by the people who elected Mr. Douglas governor, though Massachusetts was normally Republican by a large majority. To-day the majority of the people of the entire country are prepared to endorse that declaration.

### A SHORTSIGHTED MISTAKE.

How shortsighted and selfish our Republican protectionist statesmen have been! They have thrown away the trade of half the continent by making the tariff tax so high that Canada can only trade with us to a limited extent, and also by refusing to moderate this protectionism by reciprocity. To protect herself from our trust products, Canada, very naturally, was compelled to raise a similar tariff wall. The result is that the people of both countries are plundered by the high price of products that under a tariff for revenue they could buy much cheaper.

### A MASKED BATTERY.

While all good Democrats oppose anarchy on principle, few of those who are informed will sympathize with the president's crusade against freedom of thought and speech at this time. For back of all this hubbalooboo of the imperialists is the design to secure the ratification of an unconstitutional treaty with England and the strengthening of arbitrary power in the United States. It is said by those who profess to know, that the treaty

with England provides for an offensive and defensive alliance and the extradition of persons accused of political offenses in Ireland against the English government. The Irish-Americans have discovered the trick, and have strongly protested against its ratification. The anarchist hunt looks like a masked battery.

### "REASONABLE PROFIT."

Oh, dear! Ohio Republicans have returned to their tariff vomit. This shows that the Roosevelt-Taft combine fears to fight the stand-patters. The tariff plank in the platform just adopted is evidently a makeshift to that end, for the question involved is not tariff reform, but how much "reasonable profit" the trusts are to be protected in securing and then making the schedules to match. That plank should suit any trust magnate, and the smile on the faces of the protected monopolists of the protective tariff league must be broad enough to cover their capacious faces, for if a Republican congress is elected, the trusts will evidently have the fixing of the "reasonable profit" and we all know how unreasonable they can be. Such is the promise of Republican tariff reform.

### ANOTHER CANARD.

All the most accomplished inventors of world-wide political extravaganzas seem to have settled down in Paris as headquarters. Their latest canard is that the United States is about to sell the Philippine islands to Germany. The sending of the battle fleet to the Pacific has to be accounted for somehow and the Paris inventive experts say the fleet "will go to Manila as a precautionary measure in case Japan should become irritated when the deal for the Philippines is disclosed." Bah! The United States sells nothing, and an administration that would propose to turn over the Philippines to the tender mercies of Germany would find its political house falling about its ears.

### POLITICAL UNREST.

There is no doubt that the result of present political and business unrest is causing many people to break away from their old political moorings. Party lines can no longer be drawn as tightly as in former campaigns, and the independent voter will have to be, more than ever before, appealed to. A great business man and Democrat, Hon. William L. Douglas, who showed himself when governor of Massachusetts to be also a statesman, in a late interview has given us his opinion of the trend of public opinion when he said:

"That the methods and tactics of the administration at Washington are doing much to obliterate party lines, I can readily believe; that they will benefit the Republican more than the Democratic party, is far less certain. The Democratic party should, in my opinion, do all possible to abolish special privileges and to give the people a square deal. It should be less spectacular in its methods and more certain in producing substantial results. Above all things, it should take a strong position for immediate tariff reduction on raw materials and foods and especially for the entire removal of all duties on trust products sold cheaper to foreigners than to Americans. It should also do all in its power toward securing reciprocal trade relations with Canada and all other countries. With such a platform and with candidates that command the confidence of the people, I believe our party would not only gain the support of many honest manufacturers, now Republicans, but would win at the polls. I have no fear of the results when the Democratic party presents a proper platform and candidates to the voters."

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GOVERNOR JOHNSON of Minnesota has been endorsed by the Democratic committee of that state for the nomination for president. The vote was 68 for Johnson to 25 for Bryan.

SENATOR FORAKER has introduced a bill authorizing the enlistment of the negro soldiers who were discharged without honor by President Roosevelt. The colored troops are said to have saved the day at San Juan hill when the president and his rough riders were in trouble, but when it comes to politics they are given the cold shoulder by their Republican masters.

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